



2023 NIAA 5A, 3A, 2A State Wrestling Championships and Girls State Invitational Championship, presented by the UFC

The 2023 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 5A, 3A and 2A state wrestling tournament, held in conjunction with the girls state invitational and presented by the UFC, is scheduled for February 10-11, 2023 at the Winnemucca Events Center.

The Winnemucca Events Center is located at 1000 Fairgrounds Road in Winnemucca.

NIAA wrestling directors and the Lowry High School administration will serve as site directors.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

In Class 5A, The top six (6) placers in each weight class from the Southern League tournament and the top six (6) placers in each weight class from the Northern League tournament advance to the 12-wrestler state championship bracket. Each bracket is scored through four places.

The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds from each league tournament receive a first-round bye. The first round of the championship will not be team scored. Losers in the first round move into the consolation half.

In Classes 3A, 2A and in the girls draw, the top four (4) placers in each weight class from the Southern Region/League/Qualifier and the top four (4) placers in each weight class in the Northern Region/League/Qualifier advance to the eight-wrestler bracket.

The championship portion of each bracket is single-elimination. The consolation part of the bracket wrestles to a third-place match.

The official brackets will be published by NIAA personnel per NIAA wrestling policy manual guidelines. Please review the policy manual for draw criteria.

TIME SCHEDULE (after the first round each day, all times are approximate)

Session I — Friday, February 10

- 10 a.m. Weigh-ins (by weight class)
 - 10:30 a.m. Warm-ups begin
 - 12 p.m. Class 5A Round of 16 matches (8 mats)
 - 12:40 p.m. Championship Quarterfinals in all classes (8 mats)
- Matches will continue based on available mats

Session II — Saturday, February 11

- 7 a.m. Weigh-ins (by weight class)
 - 7:30 a.m. Warm-ups begin
 - 9 a.m. Consolation Semifinals in all classes (8 mats)
- Matches will continue based on available mats

Awards ceremony will commence after the final match

Designated Health Care Professional Role

Designated on-site appropriate health care professional(s) are to be present at all rounds of region and state wrestling tournaments.

Per NFHS Wrestling Rule 8, Section 2, Article 5, “A designated on-site meet appropriate health care professional who determines a wrestler should not participate shall not be overruled.” This statement refers to a wrestler who has sustained an injury and/or exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion. In the case of an injury, particularly a suspected concussion, evaluation of the injured wrestler to allow for the designated health care professional to permit the wrestler to continue in that match may exceed the injury time allowed by rule 8-2. If the designated health care professional does not clear a wrestler to continue within the allotted time per rule 8-2, the match will terminate with the appropriate wrestler per rule 8-2 being declared the winner by default (also see rule 5-28).

When a wrestler becomes unconscious from a choke out, after two (2) minutes of recovery time or 1½ minutes (90 seconds) of injury time and with the approval of a designated health care professional, the wrestler may continue to compete. When no appropriate medical personnel is available, the match will be deemed a medical default.

When the health care professional designated by tournament administration renders a decision that a wrestler should not continue to compete in the current match or additional matches in the tournament, that decision is final and shall not be overruled by another health care professional who is not designated by the tournament.

Additionally, per rule 4, section 2 in reference to suspect skin conditions, “If a designated, on-site meet appropriate health care professional is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the appropriate health care professional signing the medial release form for a wrestler to participate or not participate with a particular skin condition.” The provisions of Rule 4, Section 2 will be followed as they appear in the rules book.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The state wrestling tournament will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association's rules book, the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual, the NIAA Handbook, the NIAA Reference Manual and this meet information packet. The packet and the manuals mentioned herein are legally binding documents for this meet.

Consolation rounds will follow a 1-2-2 timing by period, except in the medal round(s), which will be 2-2-2.

Sportsmanship — Citizenship and etiquette must be displayed by all in attendance. No artificial noisemakers of any kind nor any signs or other objects that could impair spectator vision will be permitted in the venue. Filming/cameras may be permitted at the venue if their use does not interfere with tournament operations. Meet and site directors have the final say on all such matters.

Spectator admission — All ticket sales will be online through HomeTown Ticketing, the NIAA's official ticketing partner. Tickets may be purchased directly through the NIAA website or through the HomeTown Ticketing app.

Ticket prices (per day) are:

Adults – \$12

Students (High school age and under, with valid student ID) — \$5

Children (ages 8 and younger) — free

Please note that NIAA Courtesy Cards and Lifetime Passes will be honored for the legitimate pass holder (identification required) and one guest.

Team Passes — Team passes for coaches and athletes will be provided. Coaches will receive their championship packet when checking in with the meet director.

Media — Coaches and student-athletes are asked to cooperate with any accredited media who cover the meet. Media requests for interviews and season information should be honored appropriately.